1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 11 ADRIAN FERNANDO VASQUEZ, Civil No. 12-0466 MMA (WVG) 12 Petitioner. **ORDER:** 13 v. (1) DIRECTING CLERK TO FILE 14 PETITION IN THIS CASE [ECF No. 1] WARDEN AREF FAKHOURY, AS FIRST AMENDED PETITION IN 15 CASE NO. 12cv0116 BEN (MDD); and Respondent. 16 (2) CLOSING CASE 17 On January 11, 2012, Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, submitted a Petition 18 for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 to the United States District Court for 19 the Central District of California, Western Division. On January 12, 2012, the case was 20 21 transferred to this Court and given case no. 12cv0116 BEN (MDD). (See ECF Nos. 1-5.) On January 24, 2012, this Court dismissed case no. 12cv0116 BEN (MDD) without 22 prejudice and with leave to amend because Petitioner had failed to satisfy the filing fee 23 requirement and had failed to state grounds for relief in the petition. (See Order dated Jan. 24, 24 25 2012 [ECF No. 7] in case no. 12cv0116 BEN (MDD).) Petitioner was given until March, 27, 2012, to either pay the \$5.00 filing fee or submit adequate proof of his inability to pay the fee, 26 and to file a First Amended Petition that cured the pleading deficiencies outlined in the Court's 27 January 24, 2012, Order. (*Id.*) 28

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On February 23, 2012, Petitioner filed a second Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 in this Court which was given this case no., 12cv0466 MMA (WVG). The Court has examined the petitions in this case and in case no. 12cv0116 BEN (MDD) and has determined that they raise the same claims. It appears that the petition in this case (12cv0466 MMA (WVG)) was meant to be filed as a First Amended Petition in case no. 12cv0116 BEN (MDD). Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that the petition filed in this case (12cv0466 MMA (WVG), ECF No. 1) be filed as a the First Amended Petition in case no. 12cv0116 BEN (MDD). The Clerk shall thereafter close this case. IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED: March 1, 2012 Michael Tu- (dello

Hon. Michael M. Anello United States District Judge

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